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National News

Dr. Michael DeBakey, the heart surgery pioneer who returned home to Houston after consulting on Boris Yeltsin's bypass surgery, said the Russian president, who is expected to be discharged from a Moscow hospital in a few days, is "going to be a new, vigorous man. He is, in my opinion, as we say, out of the woods."

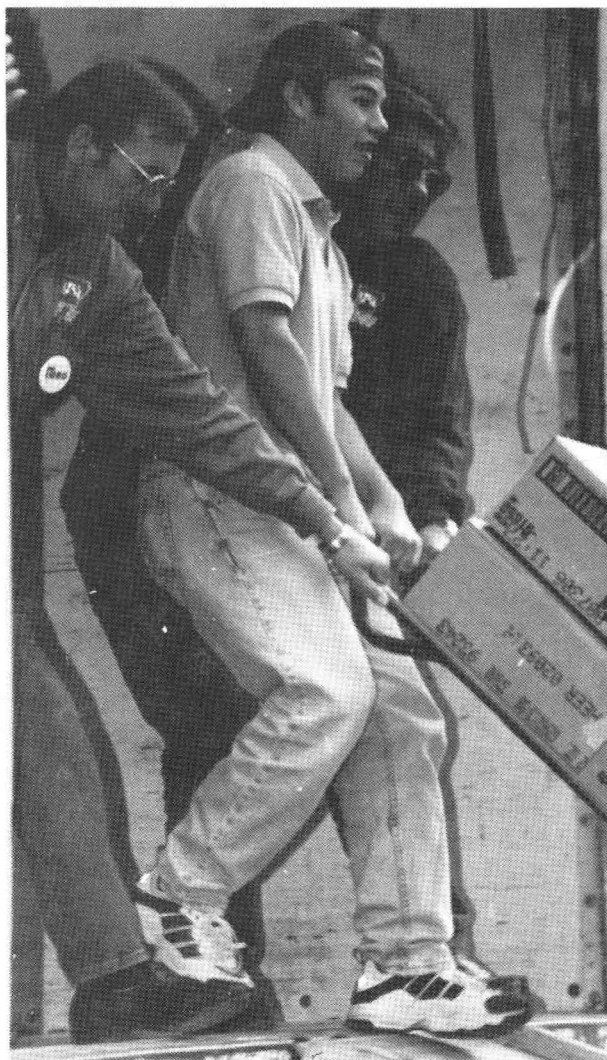
Wesley Shaffer, 57, who confessed to 600 burglaries in the early 1970s in Michigan, claims he was driven insane by the sugar in the one and one half bags of cotton candy he ate before an April, 1995, break-in at a Boca Raton, Fla., home, saying he didn't know he had diabetes before committing the crime and he should not be held responsible for it.

Peter Leonard, 52, an unemployed maintenance worker, spent \$43 in his successful campaign for the New Hampshire Legislature after trying for 12 years to land the \$100-a-year position, saying he won't let the lack of a car stop him. He plans to board a bus every day to make the 30-mile round trip from his home at the Cadillac Motel in Manchester to the Legislature in Concord.

Bruce Perry, a White City, Oregon, school board member, said burglars took from a closet about \$1500 in pennies that filled seven or eight 1-gallon jugs. Perry had been keeping the pennies for a fifth-grade class that had been collecting them for two years.

Ronald Garrett, 27, of Sherwood, was killed Tuesday morning when the parking brake on his garbage truck slipped and the truck ran over him. The truck rolled forward, hitting Garrett, a trash can and a fence before rolling down an embankment and falling 40 feet.

The above information has been taken from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.



Jordan House and others check in canned goods collected by 500 students from Searcy residents (right). "Feed Arkansas" involved students from 20 colleges and universities and 35 churches in the state. Aaron Lowe helps load the truck that will transport the food to the Little Rock food bank (above). Photos by Kami Wentz.

'Feed Arkansas' stocks shelves at food banks



More than 500 Harding students collected 9,000 cans of food for "Feed Arkansas" last Saturday as students and churches throughout the state diverged on every neighborhood to solicit their help. Co-director of the project, Nate Mellor estimated "conservatively" that between seven and eight tons of food had been collected by students from 20 colleges and universities and by youth groups and families from 35 churches.

"The food bank had planned to pick up all the donations

today," Mellor said Wednesday, "but we were only able to get reports from Henderson State University and the church division of the project."

He said that Dustin Jones, the contact person at the Arkadelphia Food Bank, was thankful to get Henderson's 920 cans because their shelves were "bare at the time."

In each community where students were canvassing the neighborhoods, church representatives were stationed at Wal-Mart stores, soliciting donations from customers.

Approximately 1,000 cans were contributed.

Typically, the food bank in Little Rock assists 18,000 families each month by selling their goods, at extremely reduced rates, to food pantries, homeless shelters and church benevolence programs for distribution to the needy. Their shelves are stocked from donations from grocery stores and corporations and from U.S. Department of Agriculture funding, with occasional can drives from such organizations as the Boy Scouts, Mellor said.

Shannon Berryhill, one of the leaders of the project who worked closely with the director of the Little Rock food bank, said that food banks often do a lot of trading of goods since one may be overstocked with beans and another with cereal. "This keeps them from having to feed people the same food all week," she said.

Plans are already under way for "Feed Arkansas" to be an annual event. The committee selected sophomore public relations major Janna Shero to head the project next year.

Butterfield, Pollard produce 'People Who Care'

by Leslie Beville
Bison guest writer

Harding University students and faculty are reaching out to the community through the production of a television series. The show, titled "A Slice of Life," is a talk show format that tackles everyday problems with Christian wisdom.

Dr. Lou Butterfield, professor of communication and executive producer, said, "We're not preaching to people. It's an attempt to try to help people who, at this point, have been unable to help themselves."

The show, hosted by Dr. Sherry Pollard, an educational and counseling psychologist for the Harding counseling center, has guests experienced in the scheduled topic and one guest who is an expert in the topic.

Thus far, one show has been filmed - on the topic of forgiveness.

Dr. Denise Miller, director of cooperative education and a representative for White County MADD, was a guest who spoke of how she learned to forgive after her husband was killed in a drunk driving accident. Upcoming shows will wrestle with everyday issues such as stress, anger and, increasingly, substance abuse.

The program will be shown on Harding television station 16 and CMC channel 3 at least three times a week, each at a different time of day in order to reach a different audience, Butterfield said.

The airing of "A Slice of Life" on public television is the only real expense, since the show is produced almost entirely by Harding students.

Dr. Eva Thompson, former

teacher in the department of family and consumer sciences, is the driving force behind the funding of "A Slice of Life." She has assembled a group of people who call themselves "People Who Care." This group assists in paying for the airing of the show. "She wanted to do something mission-minded for this community," Pollard said.

Thompson works in connection with His House, which gives aid to the needy in this area. "She was frustrated with seeing the same people over and over," Butterfield said.

Because of this, Thompson encouraged the production of the show, hoping to give troubled people practical advice on how to improve their lives. Sources of help, such as the Harding Marriage and Family Counseling Clinic, are

recommended at the end of each show.

Pollard said the first show will air "sometime after the end of the year, only after four to six of the programs have been filmed."

"If it works well, it's going to be an unending [series]," Butterfield predicted. "We'd love to get it looking professional enough so that people can use it all over the United States." "A Slice of Life" could eventually be used in Bible classes or on other television stations.

"I don't know what I'm doing, but I know that God knows what he wants done," Pollard said. "I'm not ready to quit my day job and go into show biz," she added. "It's a tremendous opportunity to do some things on public television here. It's a very exciting project," Pollard said.

Stark Insights

In elementary school, Thanksgiving meant coloring pictures of pilgrims and Indians eating together at a very long table. It also meant drawing a turkey by tracing my hand onto paper.

I actually hated Thanksgiving when I was a little girl. I just didn't understand it. All the other holidays had their own little fun gimmick, and I really liked those gimmicks.

I loved the Easter Bunny. I loved dyeing and decorating the eggs for Easter, wearing frilly dresses to church, and finding the jelly bean-filled egg during the Easter egg hunt. Halloween, with its unwritten law for eating chocolate until you made yourself sick, was (in my mind) created for children. Dressing up in outlandish outfits, walking around the neighborhood after dark while grown-ups *willingly* gave children candy... well, what more could a child want? Independence Day meant hotdogs, swimming parties, firecrackers, and my absolute favorite July 4th thing to do – writing my name in the air with the glow from my sparklers.

Naturally, Christmas was my first conception of what heaven is like: **presents**, lots and lots of presents. A chubby man wearing red, white and green; candy canes; Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer; Christmas

Growing up to thankfulness

trees; apple cider; squelching out “Jingle bells, shotgun shells” at the top of my lungs... I adored Christmas.

But Thanksgiving? Well... I just couldn't figure it out. I didn't understand how this so-called holiday could possibly be in the same league as Christmas, or even Halloween. For an inexplicable reason, a turkey just cannot compare with the Easter Bunny, and pumpkin pie doesn't stand a chance against Christmas cookies smothered in red frosting. Where was the jolly man in unflattering clothing, the tinsel-laden pine tree, the reindeer with the big red nose? Where were the bottle rockets? Why weren't there any eggs to boil and paint or pumpkins for carving scary faces? Aaaagggghhh! Thanksgiving was boring.

I'm not sure exactly when it happened, but somewhere along that freeway of life, I started to enjoy Thanksgiving. Perhaps it was because I finally developed an appreciation for a holiday in which eating is the primary function. Or maybe I began to fully appreciate Thanksgiving when it meant a 10-day break from classes. Or perhaps, I finally developed an appreciation for what the true meaning of Thanksgiving really is.

Last year, as a member of the Harding University in England group, I celebrated Thanksgiving in

England, a country with no such holiday. I remember eating stale-tasting turkey in a place called (believe it or not)

The Arkansas Cafe. I missed my home. I missed my family. I missed my friends. And the Thanksgiving dinner was pretty awful. Ironically, the experience pried open my eyes to the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a holiday devoted to thanking God for his amazing blessings. It is something we should do every day, but Thanksgiving gives us a reason to celebrate our thanks.

At age 22, Thanksgiving means much more to me than it did to me at age eight. Today, Thanksgiving means family and loved ones. Thanksgiving means time spent reminiscing. It means looking back on blessings received and giving thanks to God for those blessings. Thanksgiving means the smell of turkey wafting from the oven, the sounds of laughter emanating from the den.

It means love... warmth... home. Thanksgiving means being thankful.

Andrea Stark



Facing Issues

by Dr. Mike James
Bison guest writer

OK. So I'm prejudiced. Much of my recent academic (and personal) life has been connected to interactive communication. As I searched for a dissertation topic in 1989, I had been a member of CompuServe for several years and knew the advantages of online data. At that time, I was surfing, “when surfing wasn't cool.”

Certainly, this technology was just on the bleeding edge of novelty at that time. But even with my early excitement and communication theory preparation, I could not really predict the awesome potential power of the vast amount of data that is virtually at your fingertips, today known as the “World Wide Web.”

The “web,” in one sense, is much like any other medium. It can transport accurate, quality, unbiased information in a heartbeat. But like TV, newspaper, the telephone or even the U.S. mail, it can channel harmful, useless and narrow-minded views. It is just another medium and should be treated with the same acceptance and/or disdain.

Unlike television, activity on the web is active rather than passive. Users must choose where they want to “go.” Pedagogically, it is suited well to both slow and fast learners. It has the capability of giving nearly instant feedback. It can be a great teacher, as well as a super resource.

And, of course, it allows users to communicate with anyone, instantly, on a world-wide scale. McLuhan coined the phrase “Global Village,” and the web has certainly become a connecting tool for this end. In a given hour, people can communicate with those in their building,

The Internet bandwagon – good or bad?

by John Nunnally
Bison guest writer

on campus, in any state, across any continent. In the twinkling of an eye, a text message can be delivered along with color graphics and live sound and video.

The baffling part of the web, for me, is its sheer size. It is the combination of every library, database and website in the world. A search for any term can be made that reveals more information than most of us even want.

Certainly, there are disturbing elements. The web can transport the perfect messages of redemption and grace – but it can also send sounds and sights reserved for the depraved and perverted to impressionable minds. The web contains it all. Everyone should be taught the dangers that lurk on the screen. But we should also recognize the potential for good. Positively, it will supplant some of our mindless TV watching. But, in extreme cases, it can also replace positive face-to-face interactions.

I'm glad the administration sees both sides of this dilemma. Harding has an ambitious networking project under way that will put the web in touch with everyone. At the same time, we must put a “firewall” in place to limit some of the harmful searching by those who are weak and vulnerable. Some of us are impatient, but soon we will see a new system that will become second-nature as a valuable tool.

Find the positive opportunities on the web. A rich surprise awaits you!

“[T]he Internet attracts about 25 million interactive visitors in the United States. The network has long been a research tool but in the last few years has become a popular way to talk to people with similar interests, no matter how unusual.”

Arkansas Democrat Gazette
Nov. 4, 1996

The global Internet represents one of the most amazing achievements in the history of technology. In fact, our world and its societies may eventually be influenced more by the Internet than by any other innovation ever known before. It is altering the very fabric of our society in ways that are difficult to fully comprehend.

Michael Wolff, a columnist for The Investor's Business Daily, wrote, “The Internet's impact on society will be dramatic: It is similar to what the library or the telegraph was 100 years ago. It will be bigger than television. [...]” “It represents who we are, how we act, how we transact business and how we engage in relationships. The Internet is about information empowerment. I think it will change world culture.”

Phrases like “who we are, how we act, how we transact business and how we engage in relationships,” sound like the things we talk about in church, not in a technology classroom.

Is society ready for the changes the Internet will bring? Are we aware of how the Internet is changing our lives or are we just letting it happen to us? As Christian people, shouldn't we be very careful about how we accept something new that may change “who

we are” or “how we act”?

We are supposed to already know who we are and how we [should] act. Is the Internet going to improve us or tear us down?

I am not anti-Internet. But let's take education as an example of the kind of paranoia that is taking place. It seems that the overwhelming assumption these days is that a kid in the third grade can't get a decent education unless he or she is “surfing the net.” That is bunk! President Clinton's suggestion that we should invest billions to have an Internet connection in every school classroom is absurd when the students in many of those classrooms are no longer being taught to read.

Not too many years ago, we allowed television into our homes as new, novel entertainment. It has altered our society, our family relationships, our educational system and many other aspects of our lives. Now, many of us lament that the changes brought about by television have been destructive, but we do not seem to be able to do without it.

Let's not make the same mistake with the Internet. Let's be a little more protective of the truly important things in life which the Internet might erode – like relating to one another face to face.

The Internet is not going to be the savior of our society, our national defense, our educational system or our government.

With that in mind, let's be very careful about jumping on the Internet bandwagon in every situation. It is not a panacea.

Nothing in this world is.

Quotable Quotes

“It gets harder the more you know.
Because the more you find out,
the uglier everything seems.”

Frank Zappa
musician
c. 1975



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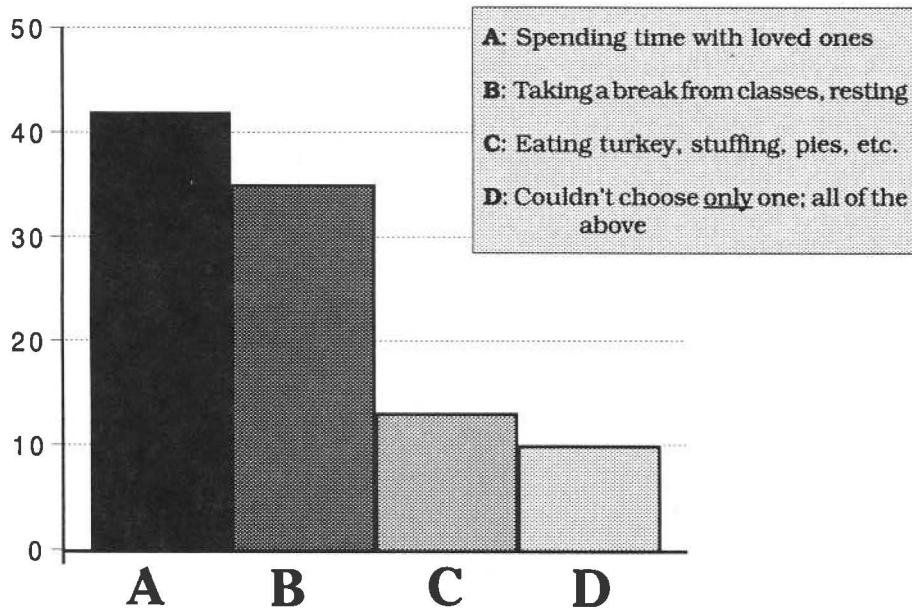
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Student Surveys

We asked 100 students what they were most looking forward to doing over Thanksgiving break. And the survey says:



Daily Reflections

...Home for the Holidays

by Misti Nowak
Bison columnist



I realized it while I was browsing through the pages of my schedule, trying to figure out when finals week began. I was shocked, to say the least. Christmas vacation doesn't begin until Dec. 21.

Now it just so happens that Harding isn't trying to deprive us of the pre-Christmas excitement, marked by weeks of parties, caroling, wassailing and stringing stale popcorn. It's just unfortunate that Thanksgiving falls so close to Christmas and, in order to fit finals in, we have to push Christmas vacation back a week or so.

I know. I know. It's tough to come home and see that in your absence the tree has already been decorated and your siblings and/or friends have already been home from college for at least a week. You've missed running barefoot through the first snow and throwing snowballs at the massive icicles that grow larger by the minute as they cling to your garage.

Since this Christmas will start a bit later than most and will extend far into the month of January, long after everyone else has returned to work and school, leaving you cold and alone, I've prepared a list of the top ten things you can expect to encounter during those lonely weeks that follow the excitement of Christmas and New Years. By making you aware of the inevitable, I hope that you will be able to adequately prepare yourselves. Pick up a new hobby. Get a good book.

BECAUSE, DURING THAT SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY...

10. All of your friends have left so you resort to watching *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*... 28 times.

9. Your brothers and/or sisters have left you alone and defenseless with Mom and Dad.

8. Because of #9, you are forced to sacrifice valuable TV time in order to help take down the tree and decorations (unless your family is the type to leave them up until April).

7. You begin compiling ideas for your first book, *101 Ways to Prepare Leftover Turkey*.

6. As a direct result of its perpetual re-appearance on your kitchen table, you begin to believe that cranberry sauce is one of the five basic food groups.

5. You bear witness to the self-destruction of your mother as she goes completely insane over post-Christmas sales.

4. Your father informs you that your new chore is picking tinsel and pieces of candy cane out of the carpet... and the dog.

3. You are forced to watch the heinous deterioration of the snowman that you and your brother/sister made on Christmas morning.

2. You discover that there is a maximum number of times you can reheat Mom's Christmas Casserole in the microwave before the laws of nature prevail, breaking it down into its various gases.

1. In your post-Christmas depression, you become secretly addicted to Grandma's fruitcake.

I suppose there are some people out there who probably don't mind watching *The Grinch* 28 times. At least no one is there to fight them for the remote! And I, personally, have never had the pleasure of reheating the same food enough times to break it down into the periodic table of the elements. With my brother around, it's always gone the next day. Maybe it won't be that bad after all. But then again, maybe it will. I hate Grandma's fruitcake.

Historical Happenings



Nov. 15, 1887, was the birthdate of Georgia O'Keefe, who has been described as one of the greatest American artists of the 20th century. In 1924, she married photographer Alfred Stieglitz. His more than 500 photographs of her have been called "the greatest love poem in the history of photography." O'Keefe died at Santa Fe, N. M., at the age of 98.

Letter to the Editor

This letter begins with mixed emotions: frustration, anger, and sadness. My protest is in regards to the Monday evening performance of "Beauty and the Beast," held at the Benson Auditorium. The show was delightful, and enjoyed by myself and my seven-year-old son. This was an anticipated "date" between myself and my son, a date we had planned and looked forward to. Probably those of you who are parents know where I am going with this letter.

I have attended functions at the Benson sponsored by the S.A. and am acquainted with the student behavior. During movies, concerts and other university-sponsored events, behavior such as hooting, laughter, loud talking, etc... can and is expected to occur by university students. This is behavior that one weighs in determining attendance at such events.

However, the performance Monday evening was a public-sponsored event. It was sponsored by Searcy Holiday of Lights. There were many individuals in the audience from our community who have no direct ties to Harding. The audience was made up primarily of parents and young children. It is with the next group of attendees that I wish to express my complaint: the university students.

These individuals (I suppose there were a few who shouldn't be lumped into this "tacky" group, although the ones sitting in our section were all "tacky") have not learned etiquette for social events. Hooting, loud talking and unnecessary laughter were behaviors these individuals brought with them. (I suppose they felt any

activity at the Benson is theirs to be abused.) I wondered, throughout the performance, why a seven-year-old boy could understand the announcement at the beginning of the play, "Please be courteous. Do not talk during the performance, as it might disturb those around you," but university-level students could not understand.

At this point, I could (and will) tug on your heart strings when I tell you that my son was so upset at the disturbance that he cried. It was difficult to explain to him why those around him could not follow directions. I plainly told them they were "rude."

I guess I say all of this to get to this one point: you should have learned in kindergarten that "There is a time to play and a time to pay attention." Monday evening was not a time for Harding students to play. It was a time for them to be an example at a public function, to observe suggestions on behavior, to represent Harding to the public as a place where social etiquette can be observed, or... to stay home.

This was not a "gala" event, but it was something special for my son and me. Unfortunately, my child will remember this event with a stain because of Harding student behavior. I realize that this will just "roll off your backs." However, I would like to think that the next time you are at a public-sponsored (or university-sponsored) event and you are sitting near a young child, you would think of your influence, and act appropriately.

Sincerely,
Parent and Child

Creative Talents

Caged Femininity

by Jenni Lane

*Beneath the silken flow of hair
and sensuous sweep of satin
gently caressed by the wind as
I look over the crowd to be adored
in my feminine splendor.
For this frame men would
fall at tiny ankles,
bound and upswept,
that lead to legs encased in silk.*

*All that femininity formed
by biting metal and crushing bone
held up by straining garters
down to the aching arches
bent
two inches high.
So fake
it took three people to put it together.*

*So as I flee to home
off come the stays and silk
the twining hair is caught back
as I transform back into a human
and the two inch heels are tossed...
someplace.*

'Let's Start Talking' supplies format for campaigns to Japan

by Diana King
Bison copy editor

For the first time in Harding's history, International Campaigns sent a group of campaigners to Japan last summer. The campaign was also the first to use the "Let's Start Talking" format.

The Harding campaign wasn't actually part of "Let's Start Talking," but it used the program's Bible study material. "Let's Start Talking" originated at Oklahoma Christian University and is designed to offer an alternative to the singing and door-knocking campaign.

"We had one-on-one studies using passages from Luke," said Mika Haneishi, a sophomore nursing major,

who went on the campaign last year. "The campaigners had a manual that helped us prepare for each study and named a specific point we were supposed to get across to the students."

During the studies, campaigners first read a passage with the visitors. Afterwards, they define words, talk about the text and, finally, lead into deeper thoughts about the meaning of the text for their lives.

Emily Albright, a senior music education major from Memphis, Tenn., who spent nine years in Japan as the daughter of missionaries, was one of last year's campaigners. She said she found the "Let's Start Talking" method especially effective for the

Japanese. "Most people come initially because they want to practice their English and meet Americans, not because of the Bible," Albright said. "This way, you actually sit down together with a Bible and you get people to open up as you study."

Albright also said she appreciated the material the program provides. "It helped us be well in control of the lessons and not give the students too much at once," she said.

Haneishi agreed, "The specific questions in the material helped the campaigners get to know the visitors very well. We could see them change."

Haneishi, who grew up in Tokyo, Japan, was a strong

force in the planning of the campaign last summer and is also involved in organizing next year's campaign. She became a Christian in high school when she spent several months as an exchange student in Australia with her aunt and uncle. "When I was in Australia, a campaign group happened to come to the city where I was staying," she said. "After studying with them, I really knew what an impact campaigners have because they caused me to become a Christian."

The Hidaka Church of Christ in Hitachi City, where last year's campaigners worked, has more than just this connection to Harding. The local missionaries, Tony and Vanessa Richardson, are

Harding alumni who went to Japan two years ago to teach English and strengthen the church. "They helped so much keeping the campaigners' morale up because they remembered the problems they had had when they first arrived, and they could identify with us," Albright said.

Since last year's five-person campaign, the number of students who plan to be involved has almost doubled. As a result, Haneishi said, plans are under way for an additional group to work with the Tachikawa congregation in Tokyo next summer.

"We are happy more students are interested this year, but we are still looking for campaigners and sponsors," she said.

One-act plays to present humorous entertainment in December

by Tammy Veazey
Bison staff writer

Two one-act plays, "Graceland" and "Night Watches," will be performed in the Little Theater of the Administration Building Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The showings will present contrasting plays, both with humorous story lines.

"Graceland" is an off-the-wall comedy written by Ellen Byron involving two women from totally different backgrounds who argue about who will enter the gates of Graceland first. The setting for the play is, of course, Memphis, Tenn., on June 4, 1982, just three days before the opening of Graceland.

According to the play's director, Ashley Hickerson Lynn, a senior theater major from Jacksonville, Ark., the contrast and conflict between the diverse women provide the scope of the play. "The only similarity between them is their obsession with Elvis Presley," Lynn said.

Bev Davies, played by senior music major Eve Clevenger from Nashville, Tenn., is a 42-year-old northern woman who comes prepared for a long wait. In fact, she brings a tent and a variety of food. "Bev is a strong-willed woman, very opinionated. She wears a Dolly Parton wig and gives off a real gaudy look," Clevenger said.

Rootie Mallert, the other woman vying for the title of the first to enter the gates of Graceland, is played by Dena Jones, a sophomore music major from Lilburn, Ga. Rootie is a 22-year-old woman born and raised in the deep South. "She is naive and childlike,

with a kind of white trash aura about her. Rootie is pure Cajun country," Jones said.

"Graceland's" presentation of the comic wars between Bev and Rootie provide great entertainment with a bitter-sweet ending. Lynn believes everyone will take something away from it because of the play's humor and setting.

"The audience will relate to the humor of the play because of the universal figure of Elvis Presley. Also, Tennessee provides a setting close to home," Lynn said.

The other one-act play, "Night Watches," was written by Allon Monkhouse. Director David Philpott, a senior theater major from Swampscott, Mass., described the play as a relaxed comedy portraying a war-time hospital during World War I.

This play reveals parts of society by talking about war and the soldier's relationship with his nurse," Philpott said.

"Night Watches" includes a cast of four members. Melinda Gardner, a junior theater major from Searcy, and Christy Hutson, a junior communication disorders major from Cleveland, Tenn., play nurses at the hospital. Two soldiers who have been wounded in battle are played by junior social studies major Allen Cox from Norcross, Ga., and freshman art major Stephanie Glenn from Fort Worth, Texas.

For Glenn, the most challenging part of her role is playing a man. "My character is a man who is both deaf and mute, so he requires a lot of expression and action," she said. "To prepare for my role, the director told me to watch how guys walk and move their

hands. He said I needed to become more masculine." Glen said she was enjoying her role because this is the first play in which she has acted and because, "even though the play is in a war-time setting, it isn't dark or gloomy."

Cox described his character as "the average Joe who isn't sure about the world." He said the play revolves around a

conflict caused by his annoyance with the deaf and mute soldier. "I haven't quite defined my character yet, but the comic nature of the play allows me a lot of freedom in how I play the role," he said. About the play in general, Cox said, "I will make the audience think about the serious issues of war, but in a light, easy-going way. It will definitely

get some laughs."

"Graceland" and "Night Watches" are each 20 minutes in length, with an intermission between. Both directors said they are hopeful for a great turnout.

"People who like theater will like these plays. They're a stress reliever, so bring a date and relax and enjoy," Philpott said.



Graduate student Dana Martin receives a certificate for a free trip to Dallas from Jimmy Moss of World Travel. Martin filled out a coupon provided by World Travel during fall registration that advertised a "Big day in Big D." Her name was then drawn Oct. 31. Martin won two round-trip tickets to Dallas, dinner for two and an expenses paid sightseeing tour. Photo by Kami Wentz.

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Debaters develop arguments and strategies to address government environmental regulations

by Aaron Wegner
Bison staff writer

This semester has been full of peaks and valleys for the 1996-97 Harding debate team. The varsity team of senior Matt McDaniel and freshman Robert Henson posted a 9-10 mark in three major tournaments this semester.

Although this is Henson's first year, the lack of numbers on the team forced Coach Pat Garner to put him on the varsity squad after the team's first tournament.

The second tournament of the season took place at the University of Alabama Oct. 10-14. The first-time team of McDaniel and Henson posted a 2-4 record, but the experience of debating with each other was a positive one.

"We really struggled in the Alabama tournament," Henson said. "However, we were able to learn what arguments we were more prepared to debate and what strategies worked better for us."

The following weekend, the team found themselves at Northeast Louisiana State. McDaniel and Henson compiled an impressive 5-2 mark before eventually losing in the semi-finals.

McDaniel, a youth ministry major, received the honor of being named fifth place speaker. "The tournament at Northeast Louisiana State gave us a lot of confidence and showed people that we were capable of winning against strong competition," Henson said.

Last weekend, in their final tournament of the semester, McDaniel and Henson compiled a 2-4 mark at Vanderbilt University. It was a difficult way to end the season, but the



Members of the debate team, Pi Kappa Delta, include (first row) Bryan Jobe, Dr. Pat Garner, Eryn Bennett, Kevin Smith, (second row) Robert Henson, Scott Slough, Matt McDaniel, Brian Finrow and Bradley Hayes. The team competed in three major tournaments this fall. Photo by Aaron Gillihan.

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Robert Henson
Debate team

team's expectations and goals are high for next semester.

"The topic for debate this year is whether or not government should increase environmental regulations.

This is a topic that covers a lot of information as well as many small details," Henson said. "Some of the schools that we debate against, such as Miami and Alabama, have more capabilities and information at their disposal than we do. In debate, your speaking skills are not as vital as the amount of information you know and can use. The work between tournaments - researching - is what is really important."

Garner had words of praise

for the members of the team. "I felt that both the varsity team of Matt McDaniel and Robert Henson and the novice team of Eryn Bennett and Brian Finrow had very good results in their tournament this semester," Garner said.

"We have really done well considering our limited resources. We have four tournaments planned for the spring semester, including the regional tournament at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the national tournament at the University of Kansas at Wichita. I would really like to see some first-place finishes at one of our first two tournaments, and I am really hoping that we will make it into the elimination rounds at nationals," Garner said.

"I believe we are really starting to pick up our weaknesses and addressing them accordingly," Henson said.

"We know we are capable of improving next semester if all of us do our share."

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Campus Events

Dedication ceremonies for the new apartment dorm for women were held yesterday at 4 p.m. The residence hall is now named Searcy Hall.

The Campus Ministry office will be providing a shuttle for those needing rides to and from the Little Rock Airport for Thanksgiving break. The cost is \$15 each way, paid in advance. To sign up, go to the Campus Ministry office and take your plane ticket.

If you can't go home for Thanksgiving, or if you would be willing to take someone home with you for Thanksgiving, go by the Housing Office and sign a list.

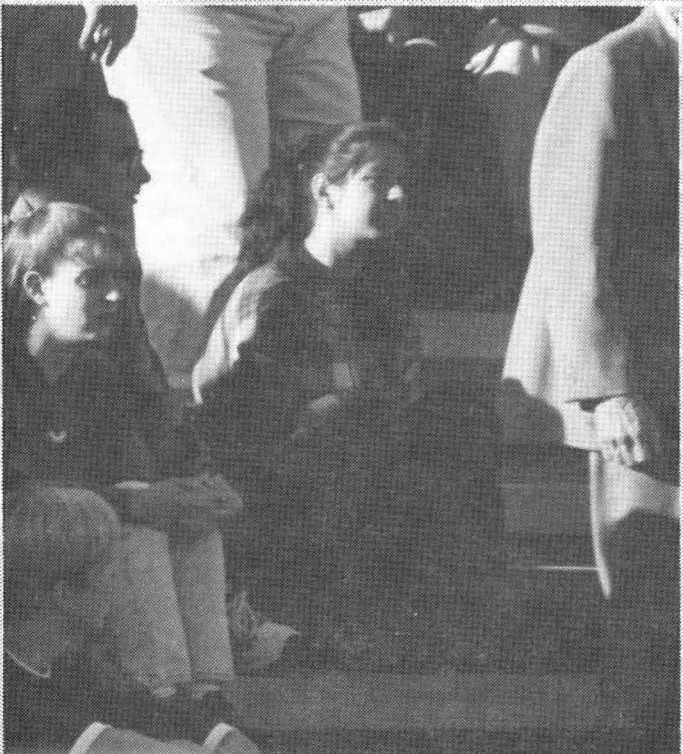
November is Amnesty Month at the Searcy Public Library. If you have any overdue books, return them before Dec. 1 and you will not have to pay a fine. The library is also collecting canned goods for the needy if you would like to donate when you return your books.

Tonight's S.A. movie, "Phantom," will be shown in the Benson Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tomorrow night will be "Indiana Jones Week-end" showing at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

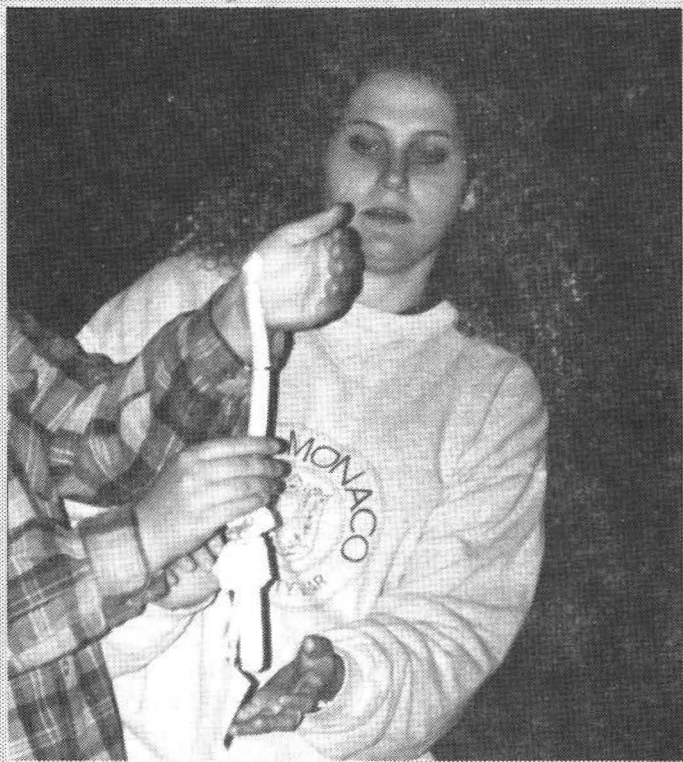
The Sears Learning Center will present "Running Out of Time," a workshop on time management skills, Monday, Oct. 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

John Roberts will present his senior art exhibit Nov. 17 - 22 in the Stevens Art Gallery.

International students make plans for break



Karina Lungo, a senior computer science major from El Salvador, joins her peers for the outdoor chapel devotional during the World Mission Workshop. Photo by Kami Wentz.



Zrinka Rubavina, a sophomore from Canada's British Columbia, participates in a ring ceremony for Cortney Counts, her Kappa Gamma Epsilon club sister. Photo by Kami Wentz.



International business major Carlos Hernandez, a senior from Honduras, practices soccer with friends on the campus lawn during his leisure time. Photo by Kami Wentz.

by Yvonda Fletcher
Bison staff writer

Thanksgiving is a time that most of us are eagerly awaiting because it means spending time with our families (even Aunt Hilda, the notorious cheek pincher), a week of Mom's cooking and a week with no 8:00 classes.

However, Thanksgiving is a special holiday that most of us take very seriously. The turkey and dressing are a plus, but the day is really about being with family and giving thanks for all God has blessed us with.

But what about the students who can't go home for Thanksgiving? Harding has many international students, most of whom can't afford the plane ticket back to Honduras, Russia or Kenya. So what do they do for the week the dorm is closed and everyone else has gone back to their families?

Glenda Peace, a sophomore from San Jose, Costa Rica, said, "This year, I am staying with friends of the family who live in Huntsville, Ala." Other students also said they were staying with distant relatives or friends.

While most of the international students know where they are going and what they are doing, sometimes even the best laid plans can go awry. Last year, Ana Aguilar, a junior from La Ceiba, Honduras, planned to spend the entire vacation traveling with friends. During the trip, however, she lost her passport and had to go to Houston and stay with her cousin while getting a new one. "It was scary being in a strange country with no papers that said I could be here," Aguilar said.

Even though Thanksgiving isn't a celebrated holiday in all countries, sometimes the international students still feel a little left out. "Around Thanksgiving, I get homesick and a little jealous because everyone else gets to go home and spend time with their families. Then, I remember that I do get to travel and meet new people, plus, I get a break



The opening day convocation for the 1996-97 school year included flags from 50 states and 40 countries. Harding's international population added a global perspective to the student body. Photo by Aaron Gillihan.

from school, so I always enjoy my vacation," Peace said.

Jana Hendrix, a junior nursing major from Lyon, France, whose parents are missionaries in France, said, "My parents were in the states over the summer, and I'm hoping to see them again next summer. We talk on the phone once a month and we e-mail, but I miss them." Hendrix and her younger sister Karen, a sophomore at Harding Academy, plan to travel to Oklahoma for Thanksgiving to visit their grandparents.

Michelle Guzman, a sophomore from Guatemala City, Guatemala, plans to go to Subiaco, a religiously oriented retreat center near Eureka Springs. Guzman will be traveling with a group of about 12 students. She said, "We heard [Subiaco] was really good and I'm curious about it." Guzman, whose sister recently gave birth to a baby boy in Guatemala, won't be able to see her nephew until Christmas because she can't go home until then.

For some of the international students, all this Thanksgiving hoopla is a new experience. Cynthia Castillo, a freshman from Santo Guz, Guatemala, said, "I've never been to a Thanksgiving

celebration before, but I've heard about the tradition. I think it is nice because it reminds us to give thanks for all God has given us."

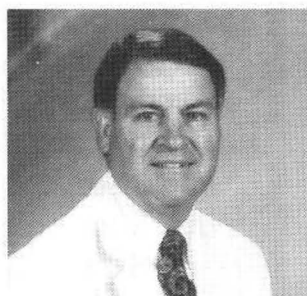
Felipa Santillan, the administrative assistant for the Walton Scholars Program said, "Some students simply don't have a place to go over the break. The problem is that the dorms are closed and the students are out in the middle of nowhere. "Especially with our newer students, they haven't made many acquaintances yet. They just don't have anyone to go home with. They don't know anyone yet." Students interested in taking another student home with them are encouraged to notify the Housing Office.

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Sports

Fri. Harding Volleyball in regional qualifying at 8 p.m.
Sat. Harding Football at Nicholls State at 3 p.m.

TNT wins first-ever Super Bowl over Knights 13-0

by Paul King
Bison sports editor

The big club blue of TNT outscores middle club Knights 13-0 in the first-ever club Super Bowl Monday night. After winning a number of regular-season games by 12 points or less, TNT was facing the high-powered offense of a Knights team that was averaging almost 40 points per game and had allowed only three touchdowns all year.

Designed to determine which club was the overall champion in football, this game, which was the last to be played on Field 2, was one that saw a large crowd of spectators from TNT and Knights, as well as many other clubs.

Minutes before the start of the game, Knights found out that their starting quarterback, Jason Burton, was sick with the flu and wouldn't be able to play. Undeterred, Knights rallied as a team behind their other strength, defense.

The start of the game was slow-moving for Knights as they were three and out on their first three possessions. TNT mounted a strong, tough defense that was unpenetrable throughout the game.

On the first series, TNT's Josh Jones, a sophomore from Buda, Texas, blocked a punt that left his team in great field position on the 5-yard line. The first series for both teams was indicative of the way most of the game would go.

On their first offensive play, TNT pushed to the 1 yard line on a rush up the middle. Trying to turn the corner on second down, Knights senior linebacker Eddie Carson burst through the line to pull the flag for a 10-yard loss. On the next four plays, flags flew everywhere. After two touchdowns had been called back, TNT finally relinquished the ball on downs.

Neither team was able to establish a strong offensive attack in the half, and the first



TNT's quarterback Aaron Wegner tries to break free from Knights' defensive lineman Michael Albers on a sweep. Wegner threw two touchdown passes to lead TNT past Knights in the championship game between the big and middle 'A' clubs. Titans won the big club 'B', 'C' and 'D' titles. Photo by Kami Wentz.

half ended in a scoreless tie.

At halftime, TNT sophomore quarterback and cornerback Aaron Wegner tried to get his team refocused. "I told them we needed to cut out the mental mistakes and play the way we had all year long," Wegner said.

Knights quarterback and safety Nathan Mellor gave similar advice to his team. "I knew it would be a tough game from the beginning," Mellor said, "but I knew we had a chance, even without our starting quarterback."

TNT was able to get the job done in the second half with two Wegner touchdown passes. "On the first one, I was able to scramble free and throw it to the end zone, and on the next TD, Jones just ran a nice fade that we had run all year," Wegner explained.

Knights sputtered offensively and were unable to convert on the few opportunities they had. "Their defensive line was just too quick for us," Mellor said.

Coming into the Super Bowl, TNT had compiled a record of 3-0 enroute to their big club "A" championship. TNT's

opening round game against Pi Kappa Epsilon had been a classic defensive struggle with both offenses hampered by rain and muddy field conditions. A late run by Wegner closed out the TNT victory with a score of 12-0.

In the semi-final game, TNT found themselves well-matched against their classic rivals, Titans. After a Titans comeback from 21-6 to 21-22, TNT's Ryan Howard caught a Wegner pass in the back of the end zone to seal the TNT victory (27-22).

In the big club championship, TNT found themselves matched up against Pi Kappa Epsilon once again with a score of 6-6 at the end of regulation. In accordance with intramural rules, both teams were allowed four attempts to score from the 8-yard line. TNT lost the coin toss and went on offense first.

In a strong offensive display, TNT scored touchdowns all four times. Pi Kappa Epsilon wasn't as fortunate. Unable to score on their first possession, they allowed TNT to win the big club title.

Knights had a strong season

led by an attacking defensive style and multiple weapons on offense. Burton was the leader on offense, doing all of the play-calling and balancing the ground attack with a heavy air assault. Without Burton in Monday's game, Knights fell behind for the first time all season in the second half.

In their first three games, Knights gave up only one touchdown while amassing more than 150 points against their opponents. The second of the three games used primarily 'B' team players to overcome their opponent.

Their toughest competition came from middle club Theta Tau Omega. In their two meetings, Knights held on to close leads going into halftime. Fortunately for Knights, the offense was able to pull away in the second half and the defense was able to stop Theta Tau's attacks.

Both TNT and Knights members said they considered it a privilege to make history by playing in the first Super Bowl and the last football game to be played on Field 2.

The field will become the foundation for the university's new Donald W. Reynolds Center for Music and Communication this spring. The jury is still out on whether the Super Bowl will become an annual event.

Sports Notes

Bisons visit Nicholls St. for their last game

Harding's football team will take on their toughest challenge in Nicholls State in Louisiana tomorrow. The Bisons will be trying to cap off their 6-3 season with a final win.

Men's Pre-season poll

1. Cincinnati
2. Kansas
3. Kentucky
4. Wake Forest
5. UCLA
6. Utah
7. Villanova
8. North Carolina
9. Michigan
10. Duke
11. Iowa St.
12. Syracuse
13. Arkansas
14. Fresno St.
15. Massachusetts
16. Texas
17. New Mexico
18. Stanford
19. Arizona
20. Clemson
21. Boston College
22. Minnesota
23. Iowa
24. G. Washington
25. Marquette

Arizona State wins Rose Bowl berth

The Arizona State Sun Devils downed the California Golden Bears to clinch a Rose Bowl bid and await a possible meeting with fellow unbeaten Ohio State on Jan. 1, 1997.

Women's pre-season basketball poll

1. Stanford
2. Alabama
3. Georgia
4. Tennessee
5. Connecticut
6. Iowa
7. Old Dominion
8. W. Kentucky
9. Vanderbilt
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Bisons end cross country season strong; send five runners on to the nationals

by Jeremy Schopper
Bison staff writer

Cross country Coach Bryan Phillips put himself on the spot early in the season by saying that this year's team is the best Harding has had for at least 10 years. They certainly have not let him down.

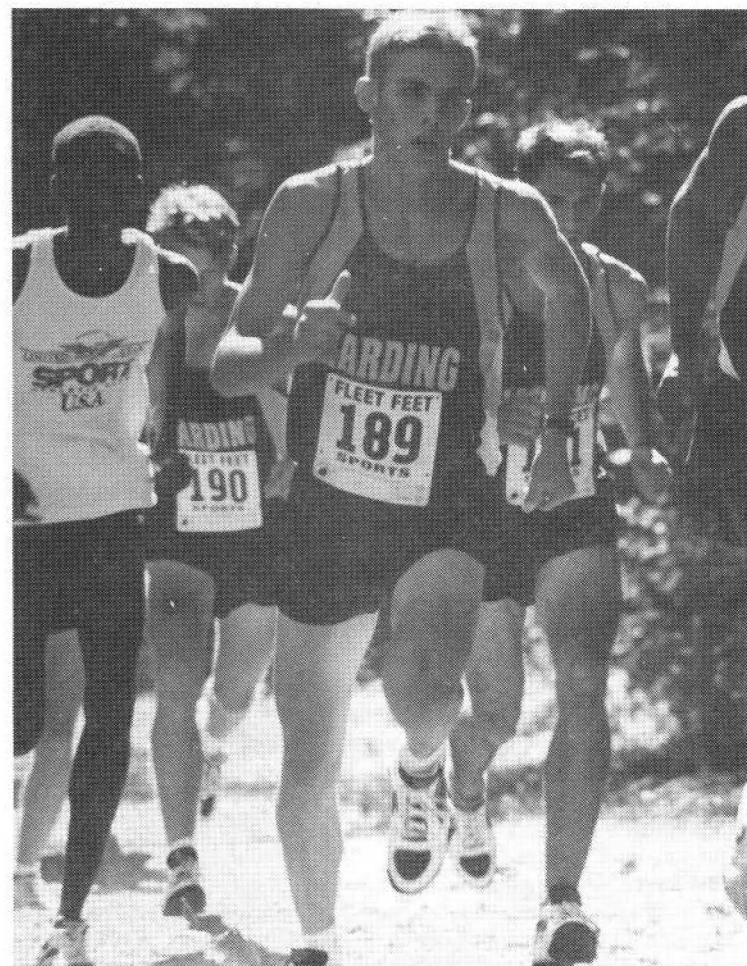
Two men and three women will represent their respective teams tomorrow at the NAIA national championships in Kenosha, Wis. Freshmen Cheri Scharff, Diane Grubbs and Kelly Lauterbach will attempt to earn All-America honors by finishing in the top 30 in a race that will have 350 competitors. Representing the men's team, juniors Jonah Tanui and Tommy Noel will be chasing the same honor.

The athletes earned their right to run in the national championships by finishing high in the rankings at the 17th annual regional championships that were held Nov. 1 in North Lake Park in Irving, Texas. The women's team finished fourth with Katie Fant and Amber Howard rounding out the top five.

For the entire team to make it to the national scene, it would have had to finish in first or second place. The men's team missed this mark by two points, with the host school, Northwood Institute, edging them out.

"Something like this is really hard to take," Phillips said. "Nine out of 10 times, we will beat them. They just ran a great race."

Since this is a year of transition into the Lone Star conference in the NCAA Division II, the teams are

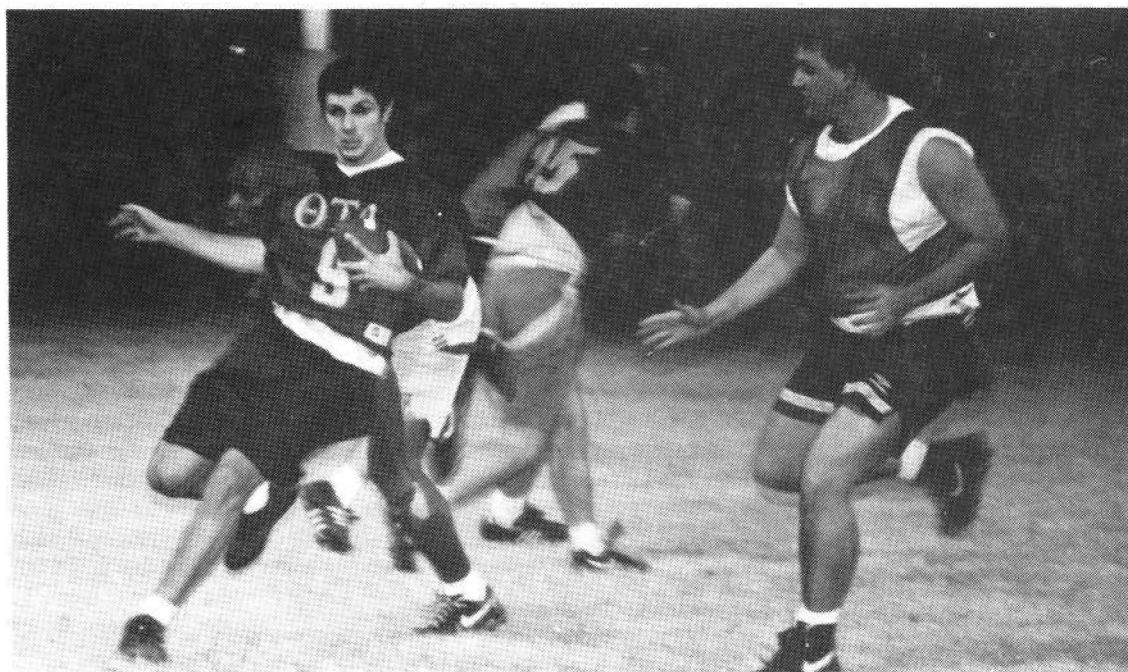


Junior Seth Crum runs in the Rhodes cross country meet earlier in the year. The team will send five runners on to the national meet this weekend, two men and three women. Photo by Aaron Gillian.

allowed a few extra competitions. The men's and women's cross country teams took advantage of this by finishing fourth and second, respectively, at the Lone Star conference championships on Oct. 26 in Commerce, Texas. The men finished second to perennial national power, Abilene Christian. They were led by Tanui who finished

fourth, which placed him on the All Conference team. Noel, Abe Kirwa, Jonathan Dandy and Seth Crum finished in the top five. The women were led with strong runs from Grubbs (8th), Lauterbach (9th) and Scharff (11th).

"Next season, we ought to be really strong with the experience that our freshmen have gotten," Phillips said.



Freshman Tim Hampton of Theta Tau Delta rushes past Knights defenders, senior Eddie Carson and junior Wheeler Howard. Theta Tau needed to win twice in order to take the middle club 'A' championship, but the Knights won the game 22-7. Knights also won the middle 'B' and 'C' championships. Photo by Kami Wentz.

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